

## **REMARKS**

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application as amended.

Independent claim 1 has been amended to recite means for generating feature value data indicating an ECG feature value with regard to each group where the plural leads of ECG chart data are grouped according to each portion of the heart, means for generating chart data corresponded to each portion of the heart, wherein the chart data is to be used to display a chart in which the feature value of each group represented by the feature value is displayed and wherein the chart data is displayed in a chart in which each feature value is displayed correlated with the corresponding portion of heart.

Independent claim 2 has been amended to recite means for generating feature value data indicating an ECG feature value with regard to each group where the plural leads of ECG chart data are grouped according to each portion of the heart, means for generating chart data corresponding to each portion of the heart, wherein the chart data is to be used to display a chart in which the feature value of each group represented by the feature value data is displayed, wherein the chart data is displayed in a chart in which each feature value is displayed correlated with the corresponding portion of the heart.

Independent claim 14 has been amended to recite feature value data indicating ECG feature value with regard to each group where the plural leads of ECG chart data are grouped according to each portion of the heart, and chart data corresponding to each portion of the heart, wherein the chart data is to be used to display a chart in which the feature value of each group representative by the feature value is displayed, wherein the chart data is displayed in a chart in which each feature value is displayed correlated with a corresponding portion of the heart.

Furthermore, claim 10 has been amended to clarify the feature value data.

According to one exemplary embodiment, plural leads are grouped according to corresponding portions of the heart, feature value of each group is generated based on measured ECG data and the feature value data of each group is displayed in a chart in which each feature value is displayed correlated with the corresponding portion of the heart. (See, for example, Figs. 2 and 9)

While the Office relies upon Sato as the basis for the rejection under 35 USC §102(b) or alternatively under 35 USC §103(a), Applicants respectfully submit that Sato discloses

comparison of the ECG data with the reference value of Minnesota code and to display the difference thereof in color (see specifically page 2, upper right column, line 3 et sequence).

While the Office Action asserts that Sato discloses the chart data which is displayed in a chart in which each feature value is displayed correlated with the corresponding portion of the heart with reference to paragraphs 0040-0043, Applicants respectfully submit that paragraphs 0040-0043 of Sato merely disclose 12 leads, but not the feature of grouped leads. More specifically, in Sato, Table 4 clearly shows 12 leads and the Menu of Table 3 and related description show the leads of the walls. At no point does Sato, teach, suggest, or disclose grouping of the leads as claimed.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that since Sato fails to teach, suggest, or disclose grouping of the leads according to a corresponding portion of the heart as claimed, and the feature value data of each of the groups is displayed in the chart in which each feature value is displayed correlating with the corresponding portion of the heart, that Sato both fails to anticipate and render obvious the independent claims.

The dependent claims are further distinguishable from Sato at least based on the above and the additional feature(s) recited therein.

Applicants therefore respectfully submit the application is in condition for allowance, and respectfully request a notice of allowance. Should the Examiner believe anything further is desirable in order to place the application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to contact Applicants undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to deposit account number 19-1970 any fees under 37 CFR § 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this paper and to credit any overpayment to that Account. If any extension of time is required in connection with the filing of this paper and has not been separately requested, such extension is hereby petitioned.

Respectfully submitted,

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